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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Going Over The Top by One More Prayer Day---Sunday May 16

ONE MORE PRAYER DAY AND FINISH UP THE DRIVE ON THE EVANGEL BUILDING

MUSIC AND DANCING

Enthusiastic Worship and Demonstration of Power.

SOME OLD TIME SINGING THAT COUNTED IN DAVID'S DAY.

I believe we have more music and dancing in our services than any other people in the world. And this music and dancing is not for mere entertainment, but it represents true devotion and enthusiastic worship and demonstrations of power.

We consider this kind of worship in perfect harmony with the teachings of Scripture. Jesus Himself gives a fine illustration of this kind of worship in His Parable of the Prodigal Son. When the young man came home his father said, "It was meet that we should make merry and be glad." And the way they were making merry and expressed their gladness was by "music and dancing."

Of course we want to engage in the very kind of worship that Jesus recommends and endorses. Who would not? Those who are possessed of the very same kind of a spirit. The older son had. He was displeased with it. He thought it an awful thing to have that kind of a service. He said his father did a great wrong in allowing it, but the father gave his jealous son to understand that it was the very right thing to do under the circumstances. This older brother got mad about it, but that did not stop the music and dancing. The worship and merrymaking went right on.

When we consider the enthusiasm of many of the Bible characters it makes me think maybe we are yet on the drag to an extent with all of the demonstrations and enthusiasm that are displayed in our services. We run, we leap, we dance, we lift up our hands, we shout, we talk in tongues, we dance and skip about, and the strains of music fill the atmosphere, and yet sometimes I fear we are not as enthusiastic as we should be.

In giving a description of the last days the prophet utters these striking words, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. * * * For there shall be a day, that the watchmen * * * shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God. For thus saith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people." (Jer. 31:3-7.)

The above passages may be taken to mean the restoration of the Jews to their country in the last days, or their return from their long ago captivity, but since no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation (2 Pet. 1:20.) I can also get something out of it for the Church of God. And truly the things happened unto Israel are ensamples and are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. (1 Cor. 10:11.) This being the case we can get some good admonition from the above prophecy. Here is an exhortation to enthusiasm in service. This is for the Church of God. Here is a distinct statement

that somebody shall go forth in the dances of them that make merry. Just as well be us as any body. We have come back to Zion (the Church), and who has a better right to sing and shout than we? Sing with gladness, and shout! "Publish ye!" Tell it! Tell it! Then praise ye!

All of this music and dancing is illustrative of enthusiastic worship and demonstrations of power. And get so much of this that it will cover over everyism, division, jealousy, grievance, ill-feeling and everything that has a tendency to corrupt or bring discord, like a flood of water hides the rocks, and shoals, and snags, and snares. O, hallelujah! Hallelujah! "Hear the word of the Lord, * * * and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock." (Jer. 31:10.)

And this is something to cause rejoicing. Coming back together. Some of the people are pulling back and say they won't, but if they don't they'll die either a spiritual or literal death and others will come. "They shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, * * * and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all." Hid away now in enthusiastic worship. "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together." (Jer. 31:12, 13.)

Yes, we will fill this world with a flood tide of the gospel. The wheat (conversion), the wine (sanctification), the oil (the Holy Ghost). The souls shall be filled with glory, and enthusiastic worship and demonstrations of power shall prevail. When things seem to be going wrong open the flood-gates of glory and turn a freshet of love loose on the people that seem to be jarring at one another. Drown out crosses, offences, divisions, too much talk. Drown it out with enthusiastic worship. Drown it out with music and dancing. Melt every hard thing away.

In every town and city,
Like holy men of old,
We tell the gospel story,
And always true and bold.

There is a beauty worship,
There is a power to save;
Enthusiastic service
With plenty of song and praise.

We often speak of David,
And of his music, too,
Then why not put in practice
His old time songs anew!

When this great man of God triumphed over his enemies he demonstrated his love to God by enthusiastic worship. He had music and dancing in his day. He waited patiently for the kingdom many years. Saul and others did their utmost to slay him, but he always escaped. He had been anointed for king, and king he had to be. His first experience was over the little tribe of Judah. But they loved him and stuck to him. He ordered their battles and led them to victory in every battle.

After seven years of division,

Ish-bosheth, who was king over the northern tribes after the death of Saul, was slain, and then all the tribes came to David and he was made king over all of Israel. When he was established as king he prepared a place for the ark of God and brought it up to Jerusalem. This was done in the midst of music and dancing and enthusiastic worship and demonstrations of power. David danced before the Lord with all his might. Josephus tells us that seven choirs of singers and musicians preceded the ark on this occasion. The marching choruses were prepared beforehand. One Psalm written for this occasion is given in 1 Chron. 16:8-36. And it is said, "also, that the wonderful twenty-fourth Psalm was sung as they wound up the hill and entered Jerusalem. It is believed that the choirs were divided up and sang alternately or responsively as given below:

The whole congregation as they wind up the hill,—

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods."

One choir,—
"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?"

Answered by another choir,—
"He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

Both choirs,
"He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob."

"Selah," (an interlude, when only the musical instruments are heard. Then a band of priests and Levites, heading the procession, pass through the gates.)

The vast Assembly still outside the gates sing,—

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the king of glory shall come in."

The company on the inside,—
"Who is this King of glory?"

The Assembly still on the outside,—

"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

And while the "Selah" continued, the ark was put in its place.

That was a wonderful day for David! That was a wonderful day for all Israel! This wonderful ceremony doubtless cemented the tribes together as nothing else could have done.

Previous to the union under David there were civil wars and disturbances and outbreaks and divisions almost constantly, but after this time of music and dancing and enthusiastic worship and demonstrations of power the civil wars and divisions and disturbances and outbreaks were things of the past. This was some old time singing that counted in David's day. And we will go on with our music and dancing, and enthusiastic worship and demonstrations of power. And we hope to increase the enthusiasm and power. We hope also to have more music and dancing. If the Lord enjoyed it then surely He will enjoy it now. If He approved of those great and wonderful demonstrations then, surely He will approve of similar ones now.

But this service must be sincere. It must be rendered by those who live good clean lives to make it effective for good. There must be no mockery or "try to make believe." This kind will fail. But the real will have a tendency to draw the

people nearer to God and His Holy Word.

Paul did not consider that the gospel was fully preached without the demonstrations of power accompanying the word of mouth. Of this he says, "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God: so that from Jerusalem and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." (Rom. 15:18, 19.)

Would to God I could stir up more enthusiasm in the service of the Lord. My soul is aflame!

Let the people give more attention to the enthusiastic service of the Lord than they do to petty disturbances. Seek for the power of God more than something that will bring division or ill feelings. Cover everything up with divine love and let the Holy Ghost have His perfect way with every fiber of your being.

Oh, for a million saints of God that are filled with the power of God, to go through this world like a burning flame! But we must not wait for a million. Let every saint of God this message reaches give yourselves anew to the Holy Ghost for service. Go into it with all your might like David of old. Do not stop because some one does not like it. God bless you! The right will prevail. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Another Increase

We have some more good news. Reports show another increase in churches and members. Our people are alive and wide awake. Thank God for such widespread interest and enthusiasm. Many are full of energy and grit as well as on fire for God, filled with the Holy Ghost.

Thirty three new churches to report. I suppose this means an increase of five hundred or more members, and no doubt most of these are filled with the Holy Ghost.

The following information will be of great interest as it shows where these new churches are situated.

Alabama	6
Florida	3
Georgia	5
Illinois	1
Jamaica	1
Kentucky	5
Mississippi	1
Missouri	3
North Carolina	1
Ohio	2
Oklahoma	1
Tennessee	4

Good prospects for others soon. Praise God the work is growing.

West Palm Beach, Fla.

To the Saints Everywhere:

I thank God for victory over sin and the devil. I praise Him for saving my soul before it was too late. A few days later I sought more of God's blessings and He wonderfully blessed my soul, and ever since I have been shouting the victory. Praise His dear name!

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." Col. 3:4.

I love the dear old Church of God and I love to be a member. I mean by the grace of God to go all the way with my Savior. I want all the dear saints to pray that I may get deeper in the love of Jesus.

Your brother looking for the Lord,
L. L. Pinder.

MOVE! MOVE! MOVE!

The Mountain Into The Sea by More United Prayer!

THE VICTORY MUST COME AND GOD WILL GIVE IT.

I do not feel that I can ask the people to help me on the Evangel Building any more since they have so willingly and gladly come to the help of the Lord and assisted me in laying the heavy burden off as much as they have. The 24th of last Oct. the building was completed at a cost, all told, of \$6,367.10. On that very day L. B. Mosteller of Resaca, Ga. sent me one dollar. This was the first dollar, and it came from a loving hand and a free good will. The next day J. V. A. Moore of Hayesville, N. C. sent 50c. Then the next day following Mrs. Carry Smith of Pickens, S. C. sent one dollar, and the same day came from far away California, from the loving hands of W. C. Hockett and wife the sum of \$5.00. Others sent in similar amounts from day to day until the Assembly. Then came quite a boost with \$729.95. Then a little later came the great Christmas drive with its hundreds and, I might say, thousands, for it was up into the thousands.

Well, to make a long story short the sum of \$5,622.91 has been received which leaves a balance due of \$744.19. This is a very small amount, but it is necessary to pay this small amount as if it were a larger sum. The Church of God is honest and pays her debts, and of course this will soon be paid. But we are specially anxious about this because it is lapping over on the time that belongs to the Auditorium. Then, besides this, sometimes it is hard to finish up a debt when it dwindles down to a small amount. We sometimes lose enthusiasm because the amount is so small, and we take it as a matter of course some body else will pay it.

I stated above that I felt as if I could not ask the people for any more help since they have been so free-hearted and faithful, but I do feel that I can ask God for it. He delights in our asking Him for what we need. So, after careful and prayerful consideration, I have decided to set apart one more day for special prayer that God will, in His own miraculous way, give us the special amount needed to liquidate this debt. I therefore make one more call for ONE MORE SPECIAL PRAYER, and set apart SUNDAY MAY 16, for that SPECIAL DAY.

Beloved, I will kindly ask you all to join me in special prayer on that particular day and unitedly ask God to give us the amount that will put us over the top in this particular drive. We have it so near the end, surely God will hear our cries and give us one more little boost so the mountain will topple over and go splash into the sea!

MAKE MAY 16, A DAY OF PRAYER, and all unite in special vocal prayer at exactly 12 o'clock, high noon, on that day. I'm sure every one of the members of the great Church of God will agree to this, and engage with us in this prayer. Besides this, I believe that we have many good friends of the Church of God who are not members that will also unite with us in prayer on that day. I feel sure there are thousands of eyes watching the reports in the Evangel that are almost, if not fully, as much interested in the final success of this drive as the writer. This being the case

I know they will gladly pray with me on that day.

Beloved, let us ask God once more for this special drive, and earnestly pray and beseech Him to take us over the top this time with such a sweep of victory that it will almost cause our own ears to tingle as we read the report of the result of that prayer day in the Evangel of May 21.

I tell you, I surely feel the fire of that prayer day already burning in my bones. I feel much inspired over the matter and my soul is leaping and dancing with delight because so many of us can unite in one united prayer for one particular thing. Of course God will hear us, and answer according to His greatness and love to us.

We have two weeks to get ourselves ready for the prayer day. A more thorough consecration on the part of some may be necessary. A deeper humility may be necessary on the part of others. I earnestly hope no one will fail to meet any condition required in order to have the blessed assurance of prayers ascending to God in a way that they will be recognized and answered.

We think it was awful bad for one man to fail at the battle and victory at Jericho and cause the defeat of a whole army at Ai, but I do not know that that could have been any worse at that time than it would be for one person to fail in this special prayer battle and cause the defeat in this final drive for complete victory. But surely no one will fail in this very important matter.

Please pray, beloved, pray on that special day, and at the special hour set apart, for God to give us the very amount needed. We will keep you informed, and I'm sure you will watch for the big headlines on the first page of the Evangel, and what will you say—what will you do—when you see in bold letters—OVER THE TOP AT LAST!

Remember the date to pray! Let all the ministers and pastors especially recognize this call and announce it to their members, and if possible get more people out to the service that day than usual and make it a high day in Zion. I'm sure the ministers can find some subject for their sermons that day that will be appropriate for the occasion, and which will create inspiration in their prayers. Ask God for a subject, and I'm sure He'll give the very one you need.

Love! Love! Love! God bless you all! Amen!

A Call for Help.

Dear Saints:
I am so glad I am saved and sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the dear old Church of God. Praise His name! I love her government because it is the Word of God.

I am laboring for God at Marietta, Toonigh and Douglasville, Ga. If any true Church of God preacher will come and help us we shall be glad. This is a fine field to work. Pray for the work here.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Ed Johnson.
401 Powder Springs St.,
Marietta, Ga.

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Foreign Mission Day, May 9.
The churches all understand
what this means.

May 9 is Mother's day when
the Sunday-schools and
churches are to give special hon-
or to the mothers. Wear a red
rose if mother is living, a white
rose if she is dead.

The price on the Jesus Only
and Sunday School buttons has
advanced so we will be obliged
to raise our price to 45c per
doz. These little badges are in
great demand and many
thousands have been purchased.
We do not expect the raise in
price to hinder the sale of them.

We have secured a supply of
very small buttons containing
the words "Church of God." These
are very handsome. They
have a back ground of blue,
white letters, and a cross
and crown in gilt. The
blue represents loyalty, the
white purity, and the cross
and crown Jesus. These
little pins are 5c each and 45c
per doz.

Send for price list of our Bibles.
We believe we have some
among the best Bibles in the
market. Get our prices before
you order elsewhere.

Do not fail to recognize the
prayer day, May 16. We be-
lieve one more united prayer
will give us such victory that
the debt on the Evangel Build-
ing will be entirely removed.
Please help us pray to that end.
Surely God will answer pray-
er and give us relief.

The paper market is very
uncertain now. Last week we
were short about four thousand
papers and that number of
subscribers were disappointed
greatly to our regret and em-
barrassment. But we did the
best we could. This week the
paper is late of which we are
very sorry. The trouble is that
the paper houses are out of
News Print and it is impossible
for them to furnish us on
time. Please bear with us, we
are doing our best.

There are some discouraging
features about the white paper
market, but we do not want
this to keep you from getting
subscriptions. If you stop this
you will swamp us. So please
get all to subscribe for the pa-
per that you can, and we will
get the paper to every sub-
scriber if possible. The only
discouraging feature is that the
paper may be a little late oc-
casionally, but we do not think
this trouble will last long. So

please come on with your sub-
scriptions as usual, and in this
way help us meet our expenses.

The Church is sending forth
her beautiful rays of light in
every direction. Many are see-
ing her light and coming to her.
Ministers of other churches
are throwing down their forms
and coming to the place of life
and salvation. Many of them
are getting the baptism of the
Holy Ghost and fire and talking
in tongues like the rest of us.
Sinners are being converted
and a general revival spirit is
on in many places. Praise be
unto God.

We appreciate the good words
from many of the churches.
Some of them say they feel
better since they have decided
to pay tithes. Of course, doing
right always makes the mem-
bers feel better, and the church
will prosper more. Thank God
for good and right decisions.

Remember the Bible cases
are going at \$2.00 and \$2.25.
The largest size is \$2.25.
Let us have the dimensions of
your Bible and we will let you
have a case to suit.

The ladies' hand bags are
fine for the sisters. \$2.35 post-
paid—

Keep on ordering the tracts
and help us sow down the
world with the very best of
literature. Order the booklet
and help us put them out. We
will make them if you will help
us circulate them. Order the
fans at the old price as long
as the present stock lasts. A
gospel message on each fan.
They can be handed out like
tracts, or sold at 5c each. You
get them here for 35c per doz.
Order a supply and get ready
for the hot weather.

Requests
Mrs. Lizzie Kingston, Junction,
Ill., requests prayer of the
saints that her eyes will be
completely healed.

Brother George T. Brouayer of
Louisville, Ky., requests pray-
er of the saints for a brother
that has been bed fast for
months. He has paralysis and
cannot move hand or foot,
only his head. He has been a
wonderful worker for the
Lord and I am sure he will
be worth a great deal to the
Lord if we can only pray him
out of this condition.

I know nothing is too hard
for our God. Please pray
earnestly and at once.

Mrs. W. R. Leslie of Paducah,
Texas, requests all the
saints to pray for the heal-
ing of her body. Also pray
that her husband may receive
the Holy Ghost.

L. F. Shelton of Ridgeway, Va.,
requests the saints to pray
that his children may be
saved, sanctified and filled
with the Holy Ghost. Also
pray for the healing of his
body.

Nellie Stafford of Pine Level,
N. C., desires the prayers
of all the saints that the
Lord will heal her of indiges-
tion, and that she may be
what the Lord would have her
to be.

Mrs. Victoria Kyle, Owensboro,
Ky., wants the saints to pray
that she may be healed of a
goiter on the inside of her
neck. It nearly chokes her at
times.

Alice Hatfield, Annadel, Tenn.,
requests prayer of God's peo-
ple that she may be healed of
stomach trouble.

E. F. Guthrie, Bogue, N. C.,
wants all the saints to pray
that he may be sanc-
tified and filled with the
Holy Ghost and do something
for Jesus.

Mrs. C. Hunt, Arkadelphia, Ala.,
wants all the saints to pray
for the healing of her body.
Also pray that her daughter
may get closer to the Lord.

Mrs. E. M. Nichols, West Union,
S. C., requests the saints to
pray that her mother may re-
ceive the Holy Ghost. Also
pray that her husband may be
healed of heart trouble and
that they all may be more
humble.

Notices

Perry W. Haddock, pastor,
Pine Grove, Avon Park, Fla.,
desires to know the spiritual
condition and their loyalty to
the Church of the following:
Sebrun Smith, Rosie Smith,
Cornelius Raulerson, Council
and Henry Smith.

Please let us hear from you
at once, as we expect to revise
the church book soon.

Brother Richard, pastor of
the church at Sobel, Tenn. re-
quested me to get in touch with
all members that are at a dis-
tance and inform them that a
church conference will be held
Saturday night before the sec-
ond Sunday in May. All mem-
bers who cannot attend the Con-
ference are requested to send in
a report relative to their spiri-
tual condition.

You can send the report to
me at Cheaphill, Tenn. and I will
report to the church. Please do
not neglect this as it is very
important and if you fail to
comply with this request, it
will not be treating our pastor
with the courtesy that is due
him.

Allen Okain, clerk,
Cheaphill, Tenn.

Worley, N. C.
Dear Saints—Greeting in Jesus'
Sweet Name:

I am a Baptist but not envious.
I want to live right and go to
heaven when my life here is
ended.

I am weak in body, hardly
able to go to church and ask
an interest in your prayers that
I may become strong and well.

I am a reader of the Evangel
and surely enjoy it. I know
there is reality in the right kind
of religion and I want to learn
more of the Bible and I want
to do something for my Savior,
who has done so much for me.

God bless all His children in
their every effort to do good, is
my prayer.

Sallie Worley.

Obituaries

On the evening of March 29,
1920, the death angel visited
the home of Dorsey and Georgia
Broughton and took from our
midst little Darie, our darling
baby age nine months and
sixteen days.

It grieved us so to have to
part with him, he was so sweet
and always had a smile for all
who spoke to him.

We had the saints to pray for
him and he would seem to get
better for a few minutes and
then grow worse until he died.

The dear Lord saw best to
take him home to be with Him.
Bless His dear name. We must
always be ready to say amen
to His will.

He leaves to mourn his ab-
sence a father and mother,
three sisters and four brothers.
We loved little Darie dearly.
But Jesus loved him best.

We know he's safe in the arms of
Jesus,
In that sweet land of rest.

One who loved him dearly,
His mother.

On March 26, 1920, God in
His wisdom saw fit to call our
precious mother, Ida McCrea,
age 59 years 4 months and 6
days home to heaven after a
short illness.

It was hard to give her up
but God knew best. She was a
true Christian and had been a
member of the M. E. Church
and lived up to all the light
she had. A few days before she
took sick she fasted and pray-
ed that she might know more
about the Lord, and she ex-
perienced greater blessings than
she ever had before.

She leaves a husband, two
sons and one daughter to mourn
her death.

Our darling mother, we loved so well.
Has gone home with Christ to dwell.
Her loving voice we'll hear no more.
Till we meet on that bright shore.

We cannot see her dear face,
But, if we remain in saving grace,
We'll see her darling face once more,
Beyond the beautiful heavenly shore.

'Tis true enough we had to part,
She left some sad and broken hearts,
But when we meet on that bright
shore,
We'll see our darling mother once
more.

We loved our precious mother well,
We prayed for her with us to dwell.
But still we knew God loved her best,
Because He took her home to rest.

She was laid to rest at Alma,
Ga. and Brother Wilcox, her
pastor conducted the funeral
service.

Her loving daughter,
Minnie Wilder.

Determined to Stand for the Right

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
Saints:

I am glad to report victory
over sin and the devil. I am
still in the way with a stronger
determination to stand for the
right. Praise the Lord! The way
gets sweeter the farther we go.

I have been doing my best
for God since the Assembly. The
spirit within keeps bidding me,
forward go. The fields are white
ready to harvest. I don't see
how any one who has salvation
can be content without doing
something for Jesus.

As I write this morning I
feel so burdened for the lost.
Seems like I can't go fast en-
ough to get the glad news of
salvation to the world. Oh,
saints, I feel like if there ever
was a time when we needed to
fast, work and pray, we should
now. What we do, we must do
quickly. Let us stick together
and pray one for another. The
devil will get among us and
cause confusion if he can. Re-
sist him and he will flee from
us. (James 4:7.)

"Be sober, be vigilant; be-
cause your adversary the devil,
as a roaring lion, walketh about
seeking whom he may devour."
(1 Pet. 5:8.)

Let us not be drunk on world-
ly things and the cares of this
life, but be filled with the Spir-
it. Let us be watchful that we
may know him as he walks a-
round, ready to destroy our
souls.

I am so glad of "The great
Church of God" which is shin-
ing above everything else. Some
people say we are churchy. Well
praise the Lord, we are and
have a right to be, for we are
members of "the church," which
cost the greatest price of any-
thing that ever has been
bought. Yes, even the precious
blood of Jesus, Acts 20:28, "The
Church of God." Why should we
not honor and be loyal to the
greatest institution there ever
has been in the world? I have
been a member of the Church
of God three years and have
loved her all the while, but af-
ter attending the Assembly,
learning more of this great bod-
y, seeing the wonderful love and
manifestations of the Spirit a-
mong the members, it surely
was enough to convince any-
one that this is "the way," and
to make those who are in the
way more established.

Paul says, 1 Thes. 5:21,
"Prove all things, hold fast that
which is good." We have the
Bible for our guide, we can
prove to the world that this is
the way. God is with us, the
signs are following according
to Mark 16. Why? Because we
are believing in His Word. Let
us climb higher and higher.
There is no time to be idle or
become careless. I started to go
all the way. Bless the Lord!

The Lord has blessed us with
some good meetings here at
Hartwell, also at Westminster,
Oakway and Townville, S. C.
We have a good Sunday school
organized at Townville, and
we are praying that we will
get a church there also at
Oakway.

We have opposition and will
have until Jesus comes, but
what did He say? (Matt. 16:18.)
We will not be overcome for
Jesus says we won't. Bless His
name! I'm going through at
any cost.

Your sister looking for
Jesus,

Myrtle Whitehead.

Mountain Grove, Mo.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for real
victory at this place. Eleven
have been saved, five sanctified
and three received the Holy
Ghost.

We had a glorious meeting
Easter, had some wonderful
outpourings of the Holy Spirit.
I baptized seven that day ac-
cording to Matt. 28.19, and it
was snowing at the same time.
Seven were added to the grand
old Church of God that night.

The Church of God is myster-
iously growing as never before.
May God help us to pray and be
prepared for the struggle just
ahead.

I ask all to pray for this place
and for the whole state of Mis-
souri. People are looking to-
ward the Church of God here.

Yours for a lost world,
E. L. Pinkley.

Report

Dear Children of God in other
States:

You may like to know how the
work is moving on in Arkansas
for the dear old Church of God.

Brother and Sister Holcomb,
Brother and Sister Coats and I
held a few days meeting at Ty-
ronza. A copper-head snake was
brought in. There was shouting,
dancing, and talking in tongues.
The serpent was poured out
and one saint carried it across
the building.

We observed the Lord's sup-
per and feet washing on Sunday
night and God blessed.

Dear ones, we give you a
hearty welcome to come to
Arkansas. We will have two
tents to use. May the great God
of peace bless you all.

Your brother and servant,
Jesse Danehower.

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to praise the Lord for
baptizing me with the Holy
Ghost and fire with the Bible
evidence, last November. When
the Holy Ghost comes in, He
comes speaking for Himself. I
am praising Him for this won-
derful experience and for add-
ing me to the Church of God.

He put that "go through" ex-
perience in my heart which
makes me steadfast, unmoveable
and unshaken in faith. This ex-
perience makes me love every-
body. I praise God for a real
pastor to feed the flock.

I also praise Him because I
have been trusting Him for my
body four years. Bless His dear
name.

I want to always be humble
at the foot of the cross.

Yours truly,
J. T. Smith.

**The Lord is Leading
His Children Deeper.**

Dear Saints of God Everywhere:
I want to thank God for all
He has done for me. He has
been so good to me. Praise the
dear Lord forever!

I am so glad that the Lord is
leading His children deeper in
Jesus. I am glad He reveals
things to His chosen few. Praise
God! It is a wonderful thing to
follow in the steps of Jesus and
to know we are ready to go any
time Jesus calls us.

Some time ago I dreamed
that I was standing in the west
with some saints. The Lord
made it known to me that we
had to go to the east. I tried to
get the others to start. As a
preacher was in the crowd, I
felt too weak to make the start
but I had to start and the others
followed. We went to the end
and then we had to return. We
had five paths to go. In one the
grape vines were there till we
could hardly go through, in the
next there were thorns so we
could hardly go through. I had
to take the lead. The last path
we went toward the east, all the
saints were standing, laughing
and seemed to be having a good
time. They didn't care whether
they went back or not. I told
them we would meet Jesus
when we went back and I would
not wait any longer, so I started.
The path was brighter than
anything on earth and was so
narrow we just did have room
to walk in it. All the saints were
shouting, singing, talking and
dancing as they went along this
path.

Glory! I know it will be glori-
ous when we go to meet Jesus.
I want to be a bright and shin-
ing light for Jesus. I love the
dear old Church of God and all
her teachings. I know God will
get His bride out of the Church.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Luttie Ledford.

Omaha, Ark.

Marion, Va.

Dear Saints—Greeting in Jesus'
Name:

I praise God for saving, sanc-
tifying and filling me with the
blessed Holy Ghost. Praise His
dear name! I have belonged to
the Baptist church but, thank
God, I have found a home now.
I belong to the Church of God.
Praise His holy name for such
a wonderful salvation that
keeps me from sin every day. I
mean to go all the way with
Jesus.

I want all the saints to pray
for my husband who is seeking
the Holy Ghost, and pray for my
five children to be saved.

Your sister,
Mrs. E. M. Burchett.

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Dear Evangel Family:

I love my Savior this morning
better than anything in this
world. He is all and all to me.
Bless His name! He is a won-
derful God, a prayer answering
and never failing God. He gives
me joy, peace and happiness in
the Holy Ghost. Praise His
name forever!

I am so glad I am a member
of the great Church of God, of
which He is the head. I praise
Him for the blood that covers
me just now, I am ready and
looking for His soon coming.

Your sister in the Lord,
Mrs. Nell Butler.

Lagrange, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am a little girl eleven years
old, saved and sanctified and
baptized with the Holy Ghost,
also a member of the dear old
Church of God. I am on my way
to heaven. Glory to God.

I want to praise God for His
healing power. The Lord has
been our healer for about six
years.

Pray that I may stand true
till Jesus comes or calls.

Your little sister in Christ,
Beatrice Lunsford.

Chaplin, Sask., Canada.

Dear Evangel Readers Every-
where:

I want to praise God for what
He has done for me. He gave
me the light on His Word, and
a few months later, the light on
His church and I see her plain-
er every day.

Dear Evangel readers, don't
fight the Church of God with
headquarters at Cleveland,
Tenn. She is the pillar and
ground of the truth. She may
not look very large to you in
comparison with some of the
worldly organizations but Jesus
says He resisteth the proud and
giveth grace to the humble, so
submit yourselves to those who
are rightly dividing the word of
truth, and God will bless you.

I thank God because He bless-
es me away out here alone in
Canada. I came from N. Dak.,
last Sept. and there are none
here who have the light on
God's Word regarding real sal-
vation from sin.

I earnestly request your pray-
ers that God will make some-
thing of me for Him, that He
will sanctify me so I will know
it, give me the Holy Ghost,
save my people in N. Dak., and
give me wisdom to raise my
two babies up to honor Jesus.

I love the Evangel and eat
every word in it as soon as I
can after it comes. I believe
there is no church that can di-
gest the Word of God as well
as the Church of God. I once
heard it was said of holiness
people, that when people had
their heads filled with holiness
there wasn't room for anything
else. I am glad that person
spoke more truth than he was
aware of.

Your sister,
Mrs. Joe Otnes.

Ray, Ohio

Dear Evangel Readers—Greet-
ings in Jesus' Dear Name:

Our church was set in order
with seven or eight members
but all have moved away but
three but, praise God, we are
still hanging on and have Sun-
day school and meetings and
the Holy Spirit manifests His
power.

I had the influenza and was
healed, and our sister's baby
was very sick; we prayed, the
Lord heard us and she was heal-
ed. Praise His name! He is so
good to hear our prayers. We
feel His presence near.

Pray for us here.
Sister Cloppert.

COVENANTS

M. S. Lemons

A covenant is a mutual agreement between two or more parties. God made a covenant with Noah, and with Abraham, and with Moses. This is the same word we use for testament.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jer. 31:31-33. This new covenant has the same meaning as the New Testament.

"Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant (New Testament) which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed." Acts 3:25. The people of the new covenant were the members of the Church of God, i. e., the early church which we read of in the New Testament.

Sarah and Hagar are types of the two covenants. Hagar is a type of the Old Testament, and Sarah is a type of the New Testament. Those who have to keep the Old Testament doctrines do not or may not have ever had the laws of the new covenant written in their hearts. Paul says, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Gal. 5:4. Those who are bound by the law are sons and daughters of Hagar. See Gal. 3:15-17; Heb. 8:6, 1, 9.

The covenant we make when we take members into the Church of God is that the members will take the New Testament (covenant) for their only rules of faith and practice. Every brother has a just right to demand this of his brother, for we could not be brothers in the strictest sense if we did not adhere to the New Covenant.

This is really the covenant that God is making with His followers. Now just why men cannot see why God would have all His followers to keep all of the New Covenant which is His written will, I cannot say. It may be because they have never had the light on the subject for "How can they hear without a preacher, and how can he preach except he be sent?"

The New Covenant is all any one can demand of us. There is no other doctrine but this that could be recognized by the Father at the great judgment day.

In this New Covenant there are 7900 verses, all of which are evidently of vast importance, otherwise God would not have agreed with His Son to give them to us, for He said, "I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me." John 17:8.

What can any one answer God to these things in the great day? These words have already gone out of His mouth, no man can change them. He said His word would not return unto Him void, but would accomplish that which He pleased. Isa. 55:11. What can be said to these things? Who can dare to change these words? How can we fail to recognize all the words of God? Can any one fail to recognize the words of the New Covenant—New Testament—the doctrine of the Church of God which is the body of Christ?

Be Submissive to God

Josie Burden

Through all ages God has sought to manifest Himself through man as willing channels of blessing to the people. He showed His interest for those whom He loves by hiding away faithful Joseph in the wisdom of His power, Gen. 45:1-5, until a leader could be raised up who would carry them on until God should show His triumphant hand before them,

thus Moses was used of God, Gen. 3:10.

Likewise Abraham gained for himself a testimony, inasmuch that it is recorded of him that he was the "Friend of God," Gen. 2:23.

However faith is necessary to carry out the work which God has intrusted to us. It is not curs to question with "wheres" or "whys," it is enough to know God has spoken and it is ours to exact loving, faithful obedience, giving an uncompromising example as noble Elijah. 1 Kings 17:4. Praise God for faith!

It doesn't say old Brother Elijah had to be cited but he hustled himself right on out to Cherith, and when lunch time came the ravens ministered to him.

About fifteen years ago a great thing took place down here on this old earth with sin on every hand. Abundant showers of blessings began to fall as the Lord said He would send the latter rain. James 5:7.

By one man's intense desire to love and serve lost and fallen mankind was given to us our first beautiful Pentecost, for in the gift of Himself Jesus paid the price of this blessing for us, and one hundred and twenty were there to share its fruits in the upper room in Jerusalem when the former rain was falling, Acts 1:5-13, and they wanted to love and serve those about them.

Joseph was sold and hid away in Egypt for a purpose, and God got glory out of His life; Elijah lived by faith and did not question, and God got glory out of His life; Abraham went out not knowing whether he went, but he knew as God had planned He was also able to perform. He did not doubt or question and God got glory out of his life.

Jesus came, and daring to live and be the perfect example for us, He nobly carried out the will of the Father, holding up a standard regardless of opposing power or soul agony. Luke 22:24. And today His life lives on in us who present ourselves as channels of blessing and usefulness through whom Christ can manifest, and the world is made better and we are happy.

Dear ones, do not take my message by surprise for this blessing is for all. Contend for goodness rather than to be wise; Though you do not express, will shine out through your eyes.

It was in the month of May, 1917, when God claimed me for His own. I know my blessing was real for Jesus came in and witnessed for Himself, John 15:25, 26, just like He said that He would. I know that I had my baptism for I had received power as in Acts 1:7. I had tarried for the promised blessing so He testified for Himself, Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6, and I witnessed also.

Dear ones, this blessing is real to me today, and I am on God's promises not to doubt or question, but with Brother Abraham I realize it is my business to go, though I may not know where, where He leads me I will follow.

Hardly a month after this blessing came to be mine, I felt the "go ye" burning in my soul, and Brother Davis interpreted a message of mine in tongues, substantiating the statement.

Truly this is the very evening of time, the hands on the big clock have passed the eleventh hour, and the midnight is coming upon us. Next is the midnight cry, Matt. 25:6.

What are you going to do without the Holy Ghost which is for you? Acts 2:16, 17; Joel 2:28: Will you pass over these Scriptures and devise means to suit your own profession or would you prefer coming to God and lay down every sin and all of self and let Him have His precious way with you?

Many people say this blessing is not for us as the day of the apostles is passed, and try to explain it away.

The Holy Ghost is not catching but if you were to get the blessing, you would not be apt to run to the doctor to heal you. We are a people having no other God to whom we can go. He that climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. How shall we

escape if we neglect so great salvation?

While I was in Selma, Ala., I had a beautiful vision. I saw Jesus and He sweetly confirmed this gospel to me.

We are now in the face of the judgment. Those who are hungry for the Lord should lay down our thoughts of the head and receive something from the Lord, imprinted on the heart. I have started on the run to be present at the first resurrection, shall I meet you?

Let me exhort you to earnestly contend for the faith, Jude 3, and become now a possessor of this great salvation.

The Holy Ghost has had many trying experiences. He is the same Holy Ghost that was with Paul and Silas in prison. He was good to Stephen while they were stoning him to death, and He has comforted thousands. I am one that has Him. Won't you accept the blessing?

Copy of Letter. Read it.

Corbin, Ky.,
April 2, 1920.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: Having read your dedicatory sermon in the Evangel of March 27, I cannot refrain from saying something in regard to the proposed Auditorium.

First, I thank God for men who possess some of the fundamental characteristics of those old men of the Bible who knew no defeat.

Brother Tomlinson, it seems that we are entering into a new era in the Christian experience or, rather, we are reverting to the old paths. It looks so easy to accomplish great things through faith, and when I think of the wonderful things that have been accomplished by simple faith in God, I am emboldened to ask and expect anything to be done, it matters not how difficult it may seem to us—finite beings.

Among the incidents recounted by yourself, relative to the birth and progress of the Evangel, you referred to a committee being appointed and commanded to publish a paper when no funds were in sight, not even an editor to edit the paper. They went ahead in the strength of the Lord and of course the phenomenal growth of the paper and the spread of the gospel through the influence of its columns is sufficient evidence of the sure reward of the faithful to cause us all to say, "Let us rise up and build."

Should \$30,000 discourage us? This amount would soon be wiped out if every person would throw his stone. Truly it would be great to say, "Let us go up to the house of the Lord," and if we all contribute our mite then we could truly say, "It is my home," and in the fall those of us who are fortunate enough to go to the Assembly may look on the structure and say, "This was made possible through my effort and my effort was put forth because I love the God that this building is for."

We remember Elisha made iron to swim. Surely God can extract money out of men's coffers as easily as he can cause an ax to swim. Bless His name, how we feel that wonderful power surging through our veins as we think of what He is to men.

As there are about 15,000 souls identified with the Assembly of the Church of God, if each of us should contribute an equal amount of two dollars each the amount would be furnished.

It has occurred to me that the suggestion alone "to members of the Church of God" would be sufficient and I believe that every member would respond heartily to the proposition and at least pledge the amount and give it in at an early date.

I shall propose this to our church here at this place and be assured, Brother Tomlinson, that although I am unworthy and unable to grasp the burden of this great undertaking, that I am yours and His to bear my portion whatever that may be, realizing that this is a mutual undertaking and it is our mutual interest that it be a successful culmination.

May God bless the Evangel head at Cleveland, Tenn., and its readers everywhere.

Yours for the advancement of Christ's kingdom,

W. F. Spears.

Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Brothers E. H. Nelson and Payne met me at Crescent, Okla., Mar. 26, and carried me five miles out in the country where Brother Nelson and his two daughters had been laboring for three weeks. Thank God, the dear Lord surely has blessed them in giving out the Word.

We set the church in order with twenty-five members on March 28. There are more to come in yet. Praise the dear Lord! A good house and an acre of ground was deeded to the dear old Church of God, and dedicated to God. The power surely did fall. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues.

Anyone who wants to work for the Lord come to Okla., and you will find plenty to do. I ask all to pray for the work in Okla.

John Burk.

Townly, Ala.

Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name: I am sending my thanks for the Church of God Evangel, it is good food for my soul.

I want to praise God for putting me on the right road. Jesus wonderfully blesses me in spite of the devil. I look up and keep my eyes on Jesus.

I used to try to be a Christian but I failed. Glory to God, I have found something I know is right.

We have no Church of God here and only a few believers. Pray that some one will come and preach the gospel for us. We have some trying times but I think, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Matt. 5:11, 12.

Pray that my family may be saved and that I may stand true till Jesus comes or calls.

Your humble sister in Christ,
Cassie Strall.

Notice

To Whom it May Concern: On or about April 9th 1919 the ministry of T. R. Austin of Nashville, Tenn. was recalled and his credentials revoked, and since that date he has not been recognized as a minister of any rank in the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

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Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Mighty Name:

I can thank God for a perfect plan of salvation. I am still saved and under the blood of Jesus. The blood still flows over my soul. Praise God! All glory to His name. Christ is still giving conquering power.

I am not out on the field now but I long to go. My present conditions prevent me from going. I really need your help.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Alfred Sweeting.

The Enemy Can't Stop Holiness

To the Saints of God Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am glad to report victory. I am still sitting at the foot of the cross ever learning of our blessed Master. I thank the Lord because I am established in the faith and not tossed about by every wind of doctrine. I am glad that the Lord has lifted me from sin. He has saved me, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and placed me in the Church of God.

I am doing my best to hold up His Word and praise Him in every place I can. I know the enemy hates holiness but he can't stop it for it is the Lord's work. Why should we get faint-hearted and fall? I feel like pressing on to higher heights for I know there is more in store for each one if we will obey God and honor Him in all things.

Mrs. A. L. Parish.

The Way

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All Other Saints of God Scattered Abroad—Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise God for the highway of holiness, a way that is above sin. This way was prophesied by Isaiah, Isa. 35:8. We know this is right for He said "it shall be called the way of holiness."

In Deut. 28:9, 10, we read, "The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in His ways."

And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee."

Today when the mighty power of God is being manifested through the children of God, the outside world becomes afraid of the mighty works of their heavenly Father. Holy and reverent is His name so we are known as holy people.

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." 1 Pet. 2:9. It is no wonder the people of the world say we are peculiar. We have nothing to do with worldly pleasures. Praise the Lord! The Word has to be fulfilled. Our persecutions are also according to the Word. "Yea and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12.

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." Luke 21:17. We are the people who are bearing His name so we should not marvel if the world hates us. Let us pick up new courage and a deeper determination than ever.

Ephraim Huddleston.

Church of God Government not Grievous.

To all the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus Dear Name:

I want to praise the Father, Son and Holy Ghost for His great love and power. I praise Him for victory in my soul and because He has kept me looking up with a determination in my heart to obey the blessed truth.

I love the dear old Church of God and her government which is not grievous to me. Praise His dear name! Although I don't have the privilege to assemble and worship the dear Lord I am determined to hold out to the end by His grace for He said His grace was sufficient.

I have trusted Him for both soul and body for about fourteen years. I want to draw very near Him. He said if we would draw nigh to Him, He would draw nigh to us. Thank God for His promises.

Dear saints, please pray that the way may be opened up for me to go to church. Pray that God will move the hearts of this people and that we can start up prayer meetings.

Your unworthy sister,
Mary E. Suttan.
Clarksville, Tenn.

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There is a Way

John O. Yates

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14:12.)

To different men there are many ways which seem right unto them. Beloved, let us notice a few differences in the Bible way and the way that seemeth right unto men. Jesus says in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Men would make the way very easy especially in these last days. It seemeth right to some men to give the preacher their hands and some church their names, then go on in their wicked ways without a change of heart. To bow at an altar of prayer and weep their way to the cross, they say is a mark of weakness and insanity. But Jesus said in Luke 13:3, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

"Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." Matt. 23:8. Repentance from the heart means much more than a resolution or a change of mind.

There are others who accept the way of repentance, but will not accept the way of holiness. To live without sin doesn't seem right. They say it is impossible and that they will not be sanctified until they die. But Jesus prayed unto the Father not to take us up from the world but to sanctify us and keep us from evil.

"He that committeth sin is of the devil, * * * Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." 1 John 3:8, 9.

There are still some others who teach holiness but deny the power of the Holy Ghost. It doesn't seem right to them to speak in tongues. They say they get the Holy Ghost when they get sanctified. They don't believe in tarrying for the Holy Ghost. But Jesus told the disciples in Luke 24:49, to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues." Acts 2:4.

At Cornelius' house, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Acts 10:44-46.

When people get sick, it naturally seemeth right to call a doctor at once or get medical aid. They say it is heathenism to trust the Lord and let people suffer in an enlightened land where we have men who have spent their time and money studying the different diseases and their treatment. But we read in James 5:13-15, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

If I had read in the Bible to call for a doctor, I would do that the first thing, but, praise God, there is another way in the Bible.

Dear ones, the Bible way is altogether different from the way that seemeth right unto a man. Let us follow Jesus, the way of truth and life.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10:1.

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COUNSEL

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"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise." Prov. 12:15.

Counsel—advice, -consultation.

"Only by pride cometh contention; but with the well advised is wisdom." Prov. 13:10.

"Every purpose is established by counsel; and with good advice make war." Prov. 20:18.

"Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel." Prov. 27:9.

Among the sayings and valuable advice given by the wise man Solomon, the above passages are very prominent and are applicable to us in these last days.

We are now in the time when the Spirit of God is preparing a people for the rapture in the air; while, on the other hand the spirit of the anti-christ is busy preparing a people to thwart God's plans in many ways. But we want to notice this Scripture in particular, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." A fool—void of understanding; so one need not be a gross sinner to act foolish or be void of the proper understanding about the right thing.

When we first began to seek God for salvation we were ready to take the advice and counsel of those who knew that we might receive the blessing for which we sought. This was right and is God's plan. How can they hear without a preacher? After receiving the blessing, even the baptism with the Holy Ghost, it is very necessary that we take the advice of those who are superior to us in the Lord, in order to maintain our experience and go the right way.

It is true the Holy Ghost is come to lead us into all truth but God always works through human instrumentality to perfect His divine plan.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive: But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." Eph. 4:11-15.

God has some in the Church of God who are capable of advising those "whose ways are right in their own eyes"; but there is a strong influence in the world which would prevent us from taking counsel of our counselors if we should heed its leadings. Therefore it is necessary for us to take counsel.

"Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Prov. 11:14. How true this is, where no counsel is the people fall.

The writer was once present where a large tractor engine was to be loaded on a flat railroad car. The operator which we supposed understood his job built a track from the ground to the top of the car on one side, near the end of the car, expecting to run the machine up the steep track and turn it straight on the car. This looked very much unsafe to the on-lookers. All was ready, he got up the speed needed to run the machine up the grade. This he did, but in so doing he failed to get the machine straight on the car. It made a half-circle running off and dropped down one side of the up-grade track, and the operator had a narrow escape of losing his life—no counsel.

After the accident he counseled with others as to how to load the machine. It was then carefully put on the car without danger—"In the multitude of counselors there is safety." He, with the onlookers, were profited by the incident. This is true in regard to our religious experiences.

In a neighborhood a number

sought and obtained salvation. It was wonderful indeed how God did lead. Later some made some mistakes. Advice was offered by teachers but "our ways are right in our own eyes" was the answer. The fall came and great it was—no counsel. Others took counsel and escaped reproach.

It is very foolish to reject counsel. "He that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise." Those who reject counsel soon begin to drift, for the one who follows his own leadings is liable to go any way.

As for me I expect to stay where there is safety. Will you, or will you take chances? God forbid.

Some, like the man who was loading the tractor, have made a fair show at first and seemed to prosper for a season, but they did not look far enough ahead. They are as the ship at sea without sail or rudder. The man who rejects counsel is like the drowning man who rejects help.

"In the multitude of counselors, there is safety." The safe place is surely the place to abide. May the Lord help us to stay in the place of safety. Let us pray.

Notices

If any Church of God people do not have good work they can come to Rock Hill, S. C. There are seven or eight cotton mills, one hosiery mill and plenty of carpenter and brick work here.

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If you wish to know more about this, write me.

Sallie O. Lee,
320 South Wilson St.,
Rock Hill, S. C.

An Error Corrected

Dear Brother Tomlinson: There is one little error in the report of healing headed "A Marvelous Healing." It reads, "It had slowly eaten his lower lip and chin away," and should have read, "It was slowly eating his lower lip and chin away." The lip was eaten almost all away and his chin was a mass of sore and corruption but was not all eaten away.

Yours in the battle,
Mrs. B. L. Shepherd.

The Church of God at Hiwassee Tenn., desires to know the spiritual condition of the following: J. J. Bowers, Erah Bowers, Frances Bowers, Halley Bowers and Maud Henry.

Please let us hear from you at once.

Eva Petty, Clerk.
W. A. Walker, pastor.

The State Assembly will convene at Dora, Ala., Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May.

All ministers, deacons and clerks are expected to be present and I advise the clerks to bring their books as special instructions will be given.

We are expecting a meeting to follow the Assembly.

Everybody is welcome.
Z. D. Simpson, Overseer of Ala.

The Church of God at Lindale, Ga., wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Lizzie Cook, Permelia Smith, Lula Carrol, F. J. Debardeleben and Will Smith.

We desire to hear, from you once a month that we may know your spiritual condition.
Paul H. Millican, clerk and treasurer.

Lindale, Ga.

A meeting will commence at Sunburst, N. C., May 1, 1920, and will last two weeks or longer, the Lord willing.

We need help, especially folks that can pray. We want Brother Davis, our overseer, and Sister Sallie Woods of Whittier, N. C., and would be glad to have Brother E. D. Hopkins to help us.

Come on, brothers and sisters, and let us do our best for God

and His church and for the good of lost souls.

Pray that God will pour out His power in such a way that Satan will be defeated on every hand.

Your humble servant,
J. H. Brooks, pastor and district overseer.

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the Holy Ghost?
Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am thanking and praising God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost according to John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."

Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Acts 10:44-47, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell upon them which heard the word."

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Acts 19:2-6, "He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him which should come after him, which is Christ Jesus.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

We learn from the Scriptures that the Holy Ghost is for all who believe and obey.

Your unworthy brother in Christ,

Henry Moxley,
Rienzi, Miss.

Thurber, Texas.

To All the Dear Saints—Grace Be Unto You and Peace From God Our Father:

I am praising God for a three-fold salvation. God saved me from sin, then sanctified me and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost about five years ago.

When Brother Brouayer came here preaching the Church of God I saw the light on the great Church of God, came into her, and now I am so happy. This good way just suits me. This religion gets better all the time. I feel like going on, more renewed and refreshed by the great manifestation of the Spirit.

I feel so thankful to our precious heavenly Father for all He has done for me. My wife has the baptism of the Holy Ghost and is also on victory side. We trust God for all, for our bodies and for the children. The great Physician is ours. He is my all in all.

We thank God for the church here, and we have a nice place of worship in answer to our prayers and we have a good Sunday school. Brother Melvin Drake is our pastor and Brother Scoggins has been with us often in the past. We love him, he is such a great power for God. May God bless him.

We hope to have a revival this summer. There are lots of honest hearted people here, and it is truly a time of gathering together from all divisions in which they are scattered. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth a-

broad. The dear sheep are hearing the voice of Jesus now and are truly following.

Jesus also said, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." John 10:16.

We thank God for Brother W. W. Rush who has lately been with us in a few days meeting. The church was edified and the saints strengthened as they were richly fed on the Word that is able to build up. Many manifestations of the presence of the Lord was among us. Some gave their hands for prayer at the close of the meeting.

May God bless His ministering servants that give all for the Master. We are looking for some one else to come soon—the heavenly King of kings. We are ready in obedience to His command.

Your servant, looking up to Jesus and waiting for the call, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away." S. of Sol. 2:10.
J. W. Hall.

Miami, Fla.

To the Evangel Family—Greeting in the Name of Jesus:

I wish to sound a note of praise through the Evangel for the blessings of the Lord to me. I was saved when only a child, was sanctified a little later and lived as obedient as I knew how. A little over two years ago I was baptized with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence and a short time after I was added to the Church of God. The Bible route just suits me, the way is none too narrow.

I am not as far along in my experience as I would like to be, but I am pressing on toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. It is my desire to be obedient to my master in all things, and walk humble before Him. I wish I could tell of Jesus as I know Him. Praise His name for what He is to me just now.

These are times when we need to walk very careful lest Satan turn our feet from the narrow pathway. I see so many who are putting on what they once laid off. Sisters, let us be careful that we do all to the glory of God.

Mrs. T. P. Douglas.

Rienzi, Miss.

To All the Saints of God—Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am glad that I can report victory in my soul, glory to God. I am glad that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and I belong to the dear old Church of God, the only church that I can find in the Bible.

Pray that I may stay in the center of His will.

Your sister in Christ,
Georgie Moxley.

Obituaries

In memory of Brother Will Austin, father, Brother Stacy Austin, son, and little "Tot", son.

On Feb. 8, 1920, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Will Austin and took the loving husband and father, age 41 years.

He was a member of the Methodist church but did not make any show to the world concerning religion. However, before he died he left the impression that he was ready to go. He requested prayer of the members of the Church of God, and told his wife he wanted all of them to meet at the same place. Brother Austin was a strong believer in the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Church of God. From all appearances his relatives and friends believe he is at rest.

His remains were laid to rest in the Grape cemetery to await the resurrection.

The death angel visited the same home again on Feb. 12, and took the oldest son, Stacy Austin, age 19 years.

He received the Holy Ghost in June, 1919, was baptized in water and united with the Church of God at William's Springs, Miss., and was a faithful member until death. He lived a good straight life at home and abroad, and always showed the spirit of humility.

Seldom has the death of any one caused such sorrow and made such lasting impressions

as his death caused in this community.

A few days before he died, he played on the organ, "Will the circle be unbroken?" He then told his mother that he would never play another song.

The last of January I was called to his home community to conduct a funeral. He and I stayed at the same place that night—Sunday night. He was not feeling well, and on Monday evening he went to bed never to get well any more. From the beginning he seemed to know that God would call him away. He didn't ask people to pray for him but pray with him. He asked sinners as well as saints and people prayed with him, who had never prayed before. Opposers of holiness, sinners and saints prayed alike. Before he passed away he said the Holy Ghost was still abiding and nothing was in the way.

Doctors had been called to see him, but before he died he told the doctors to let him alone, that he was trusting in the Lord.

He spent much time in praying for sinners of the community. He prayed for nearly three hours at one time for sinners and for holiness people to stand true. More than once he said this was the way and to tell others to come this way too. Among his last words, Brother Stacy told his mother: "I am leaving a work for you to do. If I could get well I would preach holiness all my days, but I will have to go and you can take up this work and carry it on for me. Mother, I want you to get the Holy Ghost." Thus he died in the triumph of a living faith. We cannot understand why God took this young man in the prime of life "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then shall I know even as also I am known." We must not charge God foolishly, for "He doeth all things well."

Brother Stacy is missed very much at home and in the church of which he was a regular attendant. But it will be only a short time until we shall be reunited with him and all the others who have gone before. We can sing and shout and walk the golden streets of the "New Jerusalem" forevermore. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Brother Stacy died at three o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening the youngest son, "Little Tot," age 4 years was also called away. He said at the very beginning he was going to die. Many times when medicine was taken to him he would tell them to take it away and say, "Mama, let's praise the Lord."

In some way or other God was working as the poet said, "God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform; He plants His footstep on the sea, And rides upon the storm."

Funeral service for the father was conducted by Brother Clay Miles, and the funerals of Brother Stacy and "Little Tot" were conducted by Brother Glover Dunn. Their bodies were laid beside the father to await the resurrection.

C. A. Churchill, pastor.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vanfossen, April 2, 1920, and claimed for his victim, little William Jacob, age 4 months.

It was hard to give him up but Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the Kingdom of God."

He leaves to mourn his death a father and mother, three sisters and one brother.

The funeral service was conducted by Undertaker McClure and the body was laid to rest in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Marietta, Ohio.

One who loved him,
Mrs. Lewis Henderson.

On Mar. 24, 1920, the death angel visited the home of Brother W. M. Burns and claimed his dear wife, Sister Clara Burns age 34 years.

She leaves to mourn her death a husband, three children and a host of friends.

We do not weep as others who have no hope for we will meet her over yonder where there is no more sickness, sorrows, pain nor death.

Her sister in Christ,
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